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Sir.

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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Inventor(s)

for

A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE FORMING
AND EFFECTIVELY PERFORMING SHEET FEEDING

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. Specification (total pages 70 including:
 - a. 19 pages of claims (64 claims)
 - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. 36 sheets of X informal formal drawings (Figs. 1-55)
3. Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (3 total pages)
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 - c. _____ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. Incorporation By Reference
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in Item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment of the invention to _____ (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
9. Power of Attorney
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10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

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11. A Preliminary Amendment

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15. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a continuation
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